



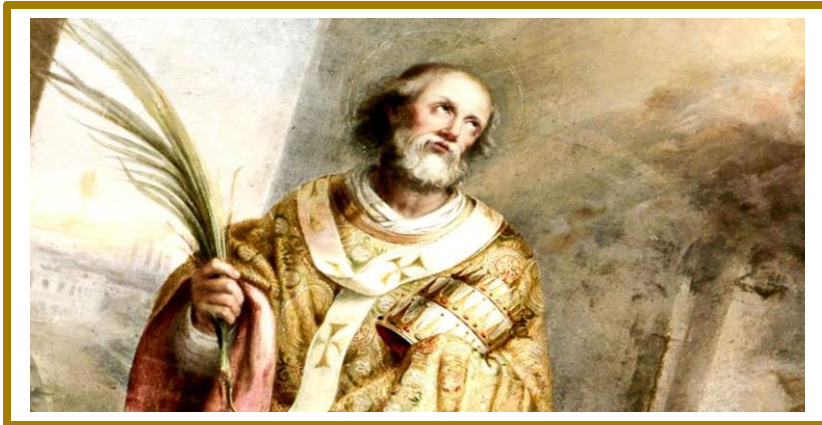
Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

February 15-16, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND JUST



Saint Leo the Great

Saint Leo the Great's Story

With apparent strong conviction of the importance of the Bishop of Rome in the Church, and of the Church as the ongoing sign of Christ's presence in the world, Leo the Great displayed endless dedication as pope. Elected in 440, he worked tirelessly as "Peter's successor," guiding his fellow bishops as "equals in the episcopacy and infirmities."

Leo is known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient Church. His work branched into four main areas, indicative of his notion of the pope's total responsibility for the flock of Christ. He worked at length to control the heresies of Pelagianism—overemphasizing human freedom—Manichaeism—seeing everything material as evil—and others, placing demands on their followers to secure true Christian beliefs.

A second major area of his concern was doctrinal controversy in the Church in the East, to which he responded with a classic letter setting down the Church's

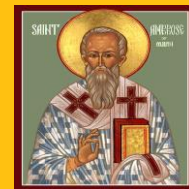
teaching on the two natures of Christ. With strong faith, he also led the defense of Rome against barbarian attacks, taking the role of peacemaker. In these three areas, Leo's work has been highly regarded. His growth to sainthood has its basis in the spiritual depth with which he approached the pastoral care of his people, which was the fourth focus of his work. He is known for his spiritually profound sermons. An instrument of the call to holiness, well-versed in Scripture and ecclesiastical awareness, Leo had the ability to reach the everyday needs and interests of his people. One of his sermons is used in the Office of Readings on Christmas.

It is said of Leo that his true significance rests in his doctrinal insistence on the mysteries of Christ and the Church and in the supernatural charisms of the spiritual life given to humanity in Christ and in his Body, the Church. Thus, Leo held firmly that everything he did and said as pope for the administration of the Church represented Christ, the head of the Mystical Body, and Saint Peter, in whose place Leo acted.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Guard against anger, but if it cannot be averted, let it be kept within bounds. For indignation is a terrible incentive to sin. It disorders the mind to such an extent as to leave no room for reason."

St. Ambrose



WELCOME TO THE FLOCK OF CHRIST

We welcome Amina Gabriel to the flock of Christ as she was baptized and confirmed this past weekend. We congratulate her as well as her parents, Thomas and Cosette Gabriel, her sister Nailah, her Godparents, grandparents, and family members. May Almighty God keep her in His loving arms and protect always. Mabrook!

2024 TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

If you would like a letter from the Church for your 2024 tax contributions, please call or email the Church office and we will prepare this letter for your tax records. This can only be done for those who use envelopes and/or pay with checks as these are the only way we can record them in our system. Thank you for your support.

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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

**SAVE THE DATE
SHAWARMA SUNDAY**

SHAWARMA SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, February 23, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Tickets are now on sale. Please contact the office at: 508-996-8934 or by email at: officeolop@gmail.com



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OFFERING**

The altar bread and wine for the month of February is offered in memory of Shirley Azar by Family.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
BURNS FOR....**

Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

CONFESSION

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Nayeli Nassif, Maria Baptista, Ligia Baptista, Sophie Correa, Stephen DaCosta, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Debbie Freedenberg, Efrangieh Daou, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Theresa John, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Annie Peter, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed Da Rocha, and Edmond Salameh. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

Come & See

**MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT
-2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE-**

Prayer & Supper

Join the sisters for Maronite Evening Prayer (Ramsko) and Supper at our Mother of the Light Convent, 886 Tucker Rd Dartmouth from 4 to 7pm.
• Sunday February 23
• Sunday May 18

OPEN TO YOUNG ADULT WOMEN WHO ARE SINGLE (AGES 18 TO 39) AND DESIRE TO DISCOVER THEIR VOCATION WITH THE MARONITE SERVANTS.



Monthly Discernment Group

If you are seeking to learn more about prayer and exploring God's call for your life and fellowship with the sisters and other women discerning their call please contact Vocation Director Sr. Therese Marie Touma.

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Discernment Retreat Weekend

Join us for a "Come & See" Discernment Retreat Weekend at our Convent.
• June 6-8, 2025
• September 5-7, 2025

The retreats offer an opportunity to listen to the Lord, rest in His Love, and spend time with Sisters on the journey of discernment of a call to religious life.

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Dear Brother Priests, Deacons, Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, and Lay Faithful: World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is coming up — Sunday February 2nd. Join us in praying for all the men and women religious who have generously and courageously given their lives in service of the Church including our own Maronite Monks of Adoration and Maronite Servants of Christ the Light.

In this Jubilee of Hope, the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light will be offering different opportunities for single young adult women (ages 18-39) to "Come and See" and pray with the Sisters. The Sisters would love to grow their mission and continue to serve the children, youth, young adults, elderly and families in our Eparchy.

The Sisters will be hosting two "Prayer and Supper" opportunities on February 23 & May 18; and two Come and See Retreat opportunities, June 6-8 and September 5-7. Please spread the word in your bulletins and announcements and share this flyer with young women in your parishes. We appreciate your help to plant seeds of vocations to religious life with our children, youth, young adults and families.

If you have any questions about prayer resources, or you know a young woman interested in learning more about the journey of discernment, contact Sister Therese Maria, Vocation Director at sister@maroniteservants.org.

Let us pray that young women in our parishes will be inspired by God and open to receiving this beautiful calling and the gift of consecrated life.

+ Gregory

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 15, @ 4:30 PM,
(Feast of Saints Faustinus and Jovita,
Feast of the 21 Coptic Martyrs of
Libya). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph M. Thomas requested by the Hitchings family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Betty Grenier requested by Annie Costa (FM). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Rose David requested by the Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, February 16, @ 10:30 AM,
(Feast of Saint Theodore the Soldier). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Regis and Marthe Valois requested by Reggie Thomas and Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Maria Pinto requested by Maria and Marco Sousa. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Georges Saade requested by Rami Saade. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, February 22, @ 4:30 PM,
(Feast of the Establishment of the
Chair of Saint Peter in Antioch). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie (Peter) Barckett, Diane (Barckett) Moses and Joey Moses requested by the Barckett Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Olivia Smith requested by Smitty and Lou Cabral. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 23, @ 10:30 AM,
(Feast of Saint Polycarp of Smyrna).
Remember Me In Your Kingdom
Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for all souls in the Book of Life. May all the souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Julia Maroon and the deceased members of her family (FM). May they rest in peace.

FINANCE COUNCIL

MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.

PARISH COUNCIL

MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and Smitty Cabral.

LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY,

Saturday, February 15,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, February 16,

Cayla Barbour / Joumana Chedid

Saturday, February 22,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, February 23,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 02/17-02/22/24

Monday:

Hebrews 12: 1-13

Matthew 5: 1-12

Tuesday:

Hebrews 12: 14-17

Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday:

Hebrews 12: 25-29

Matthew 5: 17-20

Thursday:

Hebrews 13: 1-8

Matthew 5: 21-26

Friday:

Hebrews 13: 9-16

Matthew 5: 27-37

Saturday:

Hebrews 13: 17-25

Matthew 5: 38-48



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8-9, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,220.00
January Online Giving	\$ 1108.92
Saint Maron Collection	\$ 77.00
Donations	\$ 100.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 99.00
Total	\$ 2,604.92

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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